

Westminster Police Department PRESS RELEASE



Husband Stabs Wife then Calls 9-1-1

Date: Monday, July 14, 2008 / 1853 hours

Location: 14000 Block of Rondeau Cir, Westminster (Goldenwest/Westminster)

Crime: PC 187; Homicide

Suspect: Name being withheld until victim's family has been notifed.

SUSPECT IN CUSTODY

Victim: Name being withheld until victim's family has been notifed.

Summary:

WESTMINSTER, CA: Just before 7:00 p.m., the Westminster Police Department communications center received a 9-1-1 call from an apartment in the 14000 block of Rondeau Cir. The male caller reported he had just killed his wife. Patrol officers and paramedics from the Orange County Fire Authority were sent to the residence.

Within 90 seconds of call being dispatched, officers were on scene. They located the female victim and male suspect at the location. The victim was non-responsive and appeared to have been stabbed in the chest. The suspect was detained without incident. Orange County Fire Authority paramedics pronounced the woman dead at the scene. Additionally, one female adult (19 yrs) and three children, ages 15, 12, and 8 were found at the residence. It is unknown at this time if they were witnesses to the incident.

Preliminary investigation revealed the suspect and victim were estranged. The victim had dropped off the 15 year-old and 8 year-old earlier in the day to spend time with the suspect. She was returning to the residence to pick up the children when the attack took place.

The suspect is being interviewed by homicide detectives at the Westminster Police Department. The 19 year-old and 12 year-old were determined to be niece and nephew of the suspect and victim. They were released to their parents from the police department.

The 15 year-old and 8 year-old children are also at the police department and in the temporary care of the Orange County Social Services.